

## PNEUMATIC MOTOR DRIVING VALVE OF SCREW NAIL GUN

### FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to screw nail gun, and particularly to a  
5 pneumatic motor driving valve of a screw nail gun which has an annular  
control valve on an outer wall of a cylinder of the gun body. In the  
present invention, valve can be opened by high pressure air and the  
pneumatic motor is actuate by the high pressure air.

### 10 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

In one prior art about the pneumatic screw nail gun, a main air valve is  
installed between the pneumatic motor and the air diving path of the  
cylinder. The main air valve serves to control the actuation of the  
15 pneumatic motor and the cylinder in the gun body at the same time so that  
the nail locking rod can driving rod and descend to provide a twisting force  
to the screw nail so that the screw nail can be beaten into enter into the  
work piece. A cruciform portion at a front end of the nail locking rod is  
engaged to a cruciform groove in the screw nail. Thereby, the screw nail  
can be beaten into the work piece. Thus, the nail locking rod is locked.

20 However, in above prior art pneumatic screw nail gun, the main air  
valve serves to control the actuation of the pneumatic motor and the  
driving path of the cylinder in the gun body. Although the object of  
locking the screw nail is achieved, no device for accumulating air pressure  
25 in air driving path of the pneumatic motor is installed. As a result, when  
the pneumatic motor is driven by air pressure, the output twisting force is  
unstable. Especially, when a react force is generated because the screw  
nail is beaten into a work piece, the dynamic power of the pneumatic motor  
will reduce. Therefore when the air supplied to the pneumatic motor will  
be unstable. Thereby, the input air pressure cannot work with the

downward pressing of the cylinder. Then the operation of the screw nail gun cannot be well controlled.

## **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

5 Accordingly, the primary object of the present invention is to provide a pneumatic motor driving valve of a screw nail gun, wherein a driving valve is disclosed for control the pneumatic motor to be operated steadily.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a pneumatic motor driving valve of a screw nail gun, wherein a downward pressing spring is installed around an outer wall of the cylinder of the gun body and an annular control valve is installed around the outer wall of the cylinder so that the annular control valve presses the downward pressing spring for control the actuation of the opening of air inlet valve of the air inlet channel of the pneumatic motor.

10 15 A further object of the present invention is to provide a pneumatic motor driving valve of a screw nail gun, wherein an annular control valve around an outer wall of the cylinder can accumulate pressure in the gun body to a predetermined value so as to open the driving valve. Thereby, the pneumatic motor can provide a larger stable twisting force to beat and 20 rotate a screw nail.

The various objects and advantages of the present invention will be more readily understood from the following detailed description when read in conjunction with the appended drawing.

## **25 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Fig. 1 is a front view of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a schematic view about the gun head of the present invention.

Fig. 2(a) shows the cross section view along line a-a of Fig. 2 of the present invention.

Fig. 2(b) is a cross section view along line b-b of the present invention.

Fig. 3 is a cross section view showing a state before a trigger being pressed according to the present invention.

Fig. 4 is a cross section view showing the initial condition when the 5 trigger is pressed according to the present invention.

Fig. 5 shows the cross section view showing the movement of the piston after the trigger is pressed according to the present invention.

Fig. 6 is a cross section view showing that the piston moves to a lower point after the trigger is pressed according to the present invention.

10 Fig. 7 is a cross section view showing the returning of the piston after the trigger is actuated according to the present invention.

#### **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS**

Referring to Fig. 1, the appearance of the screw nail gun 1 of the 15 present invention is illustrated. It is illustrated from the Fig. 2 that the structure of the gun head 11 of the screw nail gun includes a pneumatic motor 2, a planet gear set 3, an output disk 4, a cylinder 5, a driving rod 6, a nail locking rod 62, a main air valve 7 and an annular control valve 8, etc.

20 The pneumatic motor 2 has a central spindle 27. A center of the spindle 27 has a rod groove 28. The pneumatic motor 2 has a plurality of blade receiving grooves 24 which are arranged as a radiating form for receiving blade set 29. A base plate 21 below the pneumatic motor 2 is formed with an air inlet chamber 22. One side of the air inlet chamber 22 is installed with an air inlet opening 23 (referring to Figs. 2 and 2(a)). A portion of the air inlet chamber 22 communicated to the blade receiving groove 24 of the pneumatic motor 2 is installed with an booster opening 25. One lateral wall of the pneumatic motor 2 is formed with an exhausting opening 26. The exhausting opening 26 is communicated to the 25 exhausting channel 14. The exhausting channel 14 is connected to the 30

exhausting tube 15 in the handle of the gun body and is communicated to the outside so that the pneumatic motor 2 can be driven to rotate by the high pressure air 92 in the gun body 92 (referring to Fig. 4).

The planet gear set 3 is formed by a driving gear 31 and a plurality of 5 driven gears 32 (referring to Fig. 2). The driving gear 31 is installed at a distal end of the spindle 27 of the pneumatic motor 2. The plurality of driven gears 32 are driven by the driving gear 31 and are around a periphery of the driving gear 31.

The output disk 4 is extended with a neck portion 41 which is pivotally 10 installed to a bearing seat 44. A central receiving hole 42 is formed in the neck portion 41 and a bush 43 is located in the central receiving hole 42 for being connected with a driving rod 6. A disk surface of the output disk 4 is pivotally installed with a plurality of pivotal shafts 45 for pivotally installing with the plurality of driven gears 32. The number of 15 pivotal shafts 45 is equal to that of the driven gears 32 (referring to Fig. 2) so that the output disk 4 can be driven by the planet gear set 3 to rotate and the bush 43 will drive the driving rod 6 to rotate.

The cylinder 5 is located near the lower edge of the bearing seat 44 (referring to Fig. 2 and Fig. 2(b)). The cylinder 5 has a cylinder chamber 20 50. An outer wall of the cylinder 5 is formed with an air resisting ring 56. Near an upper edge of the cylinder 5 has a plurality of air flowing holes 510 and near a lower edge of the cylinder 5 has a plurality of vent holes 55. An upper side of the cylinder 5 is formed with an inner air chamber 53. A spacing ring 54 is formed in the inner air chamber 53. 25 An air mask 59 is disposed around peripheries of the air flowing holes 510 of the cylinder 5. A periphery of the spacing ring 54 has a plurality of via holes 51 for communicating the cylinder 5 and the inner air chamber 53 so that if necessary, high pressure air 92 can be loaded into the cylinder 5.

The driving rod 6 is movably installed to the rod groove 28 of the 30 pneumatic motor 2 (referring to Figs. 2 and 2(b)). The pneumatic motor 2 can drive the output disk 4 to rotate. Further, another end of the driving

rod 6 has a movable piston 61 in the cylinder 5. A bottom of the piston 61 can be buckled to a nail locking rod 62. One end of the nail locking rod 62 is formed with a cruciform portion 63 which is able to engage to the cruciform groove of a screw nail (referring to Fig. 2) so that the driving rod 6 can be triggered by the high pressure air in the cylinder 5 and thus the screw nail 9 is triggered to move linearly.

5 A periphery of the top of the inner air chamber 53 is installed with a main gas piston 70 which is combined with another main air valve 7 (referring to Fig. 2). A top and a bottom of the main gas piston 70 have 10 an upper valve opening 73 and a lower valve opening 76, respectively.

A periphery of the upper layer of the main air valve 7 and the main gas piston 70 are installed with a top layer air chamber 77 which is communicated to the air supply chamber 13 in the handle of the gun body so that in normal, high pressure air 92 can supply to the top layer air 15 chamber 77 continuously (referring to Fig. 3). A bottom of the main air valve 7 has a middle layer air chamber 71 (referring to Fig. 2) for receiving and resisting against another main air compressing spring 72. A bottom of the middle layer air chamber 71 has a trigger air channel 74 which is communicated to a trigger valve 12. A middle section of the main air 20 valve 7 is installed with a plurality of exhausting holes 78 which are communicated to the exhausting via holes 75 (referring to Fig. 2). When the lower valve opening 76 is opened, the high pressure air in the inner layer air chamber 53 can exhaust out to flow to the exhausting tube 15.

When the upper valve opening 73 of the main air piston 70 is opened, 25 the high pressure air 92 in the top layer air chamber 77 can be guided into the inner layer air chamber 53 (referring to Fig. 4). On the contrary, when the upper valve opening 73 is closed, the lower valve opening 76 will open (referring to Fig. 7). The high pressure air 92 will not flow into the inner layer air chamber 53. As a result, air in the inner layer air chamber 30 53 flow out for reducing pressure.

In the driving valve of the present invention, an outer wall of the

cylinder 5 is engaged with a downward pressing spring 81 and an annular control valve 8 encloses the outer wall of the cylinder 5 (referring to Fig. 2). The downward pressing spring 81 resists against the air resisting ring 56 protruded from the cylinder 5. A protruded annular valve disk 80 is 5 protruded from the annular control valve 8. An outer of the valve disk 80 and an inner wall of the annular control valve 8 have respective airtight O rings. An inner wall of the annular control valve 8 is pivotally installed to the outer wall of the cylinder 5 to be resisted by the downward pressing spring 81. Moreover, a top of the annular control valve 8 is airtightly 10 engaged with a bottom of the air mask 59 or is communicated with the inner layer air chamber 53 through the air flowing holes 510.

A lower air chamber 85 is formed between a bottom of the annular control valve 8 and the air resisting ring 56 of the cylinder 5. The downward pressing spring 81 is received in the lower air chamber 85. A 15 vent hole 55 at one side of the cylinder 5 is installed with a tube connector 52. The tube connector 52 is connected to one end of an air guiding tube 57. Another end of the tube connector 52 is connected to an air resisting ring 56. An air guiding hole 58 is formed on the air resisting ring 56 for connecting to the vent hole 55 and the lower air chamber 85 through the air 20 guiding tube 57 (referring to Fig. 2).

The valve disk 80 of the annular control valve 8 serves to control an opening of air inlet valve 83 to open or close (referring to Fig. 2). The opening of air inlet valve 83 is communicated with an air inlet channel 84 (referring to Fig. 2(b)). The air inlet channel 84 is communicated with 25 the air inlet opening 23 (referring to Fig. 2(a)).

By above components, when the screw nail gun is connected to a source of high pressure air 92, if the user does not press the trigger 16 (referring to Fig. 3), the trigger valve 12 is opened so that the high pressure air 92 in the air chamber 13 flows into the middle layer air 30 chamber 71 through the trigger air channel 74 and resists against the bottom of the main air valve 7 by air pressure. Further, by the pressure of

the main air compressing spring 72, a larger total pressure is applied to the top layer air chamber 77 at an upper layer of the main air valve 7 so as to supply air pressure continuously. Thereby, the upper valve opening 73 of the main air valve 7 is sealed continuously.

5 Next, when the user presses the trigger 16 (referring to Fig. 4), the high pressure air 92 in the trigger valve 12 is closed and the trigger air channel 74 is communicated to the outer side so that the high pressure air 92 in the middle layer air chamber 71 previously drains out. Then, the 10 periphery of the main air compressing spring 72 and the main air valve 7 is larger than the pressure of the main air compressing spring 72 in the middle layer air chamber 71 and the upper valve opening 73 is opened so that the high pressure air 92 flows into the inner layer air chamber 53. Then the air flows through the plurality of via holes 51 to enter into the 15 cylinder chamber 50 to push the piston 61 to move downwards to beat the screw nail (referring to Fig. 5).

When the high pressure air 92 flows into the inner layer air chamber 53 (referring to Fig. 4), the pressure will increase continuously. Other than pushing the piston 61 to move outwards, the high pressure air 92 in the 20 inner layer air chamber 53 will boost to flow into the via hole 51, air flow hole 510 to push the annular control valve 8 below the air mask 59. When the air pressure of the high pressure air 92 in the inner layer air chamber 53 is larger than the pressure of the downward pressing spring 81 at the bottom of the annular control valve 8, the annular control valve 8 moves downwards to press the downward pressing spring 81 and open the 25 opening of air inlet valve 83 so that the high pressure air 92 flows through the opening of air inlet valve 83, air inlet channel 84 (referring to Fig. 2(b)), the air inlet opening 23, air inlet chamber 22 to drive the blade set 29 of the pneumatic motor 2 to rotate for driving the spindle 27 of the pneumatic 30 motor 2 to steadily output high twisting force and to drive the planet gear set 3 to rotate the output disk 4. Then the output disk 4 will drive the

driving rod 6 and the nail locking rod 62 at the bottom thereof to rotate (referring to Fig. 5). Thereby, when the piston 61 to move downwards to beat the nail, the screw nail 9 will beat the work piece 91.

Then, when the piston 61 moves downwards to a lower point to beat the screw nail 9 completely into the work piece 91 (referring to Fig. 6), the vent hole 55 at the bottom of the cylinder 5 will be opened so that the high pressure air 92 in the cylinder 5 will drain into the lower air chamber 85 through the vent hole 55, tube connector 52, and the air guiding tube 57 so as to increase the pressure of the downward pressing spring 81 so as to form force for closing the valve at the bottom of the control valve 8 so that the control valve 8 moves upwards to close the opening of air inlet valve 83 (referring to Fig. 7) to stop to the pneumatic motor 2 so as to stop the movement of the screw nail 9.

Then when the user releases the trigger 16 (referring to Fig. 7), the trigger valve 12 returns to the original open state so that the middle layer air chamber 71 will re-accumulate high pressure air 92 so as to assist the main air compressing spring 72 to overcome the pressure in the top layer air chamber 77. Thus the main air valve 7 returns to a state of closing the upper valve opening 73. At this time, the lower valve opening 76 is opened, so that the remain high pressure air 92 in upper layer of the piston 61 and the inner layer air chamber 53 passes through the exhausting channel 14 and the exhausting tube 15 to vent to the outside so that the original high pressure air 92 in the lower air chamber 85 returns to the lower side of the piston 61 and the cylinder chamber 50 through the vent hole 55 to push the piston 61 and the driving rod 6 to move upwards to return to the original state and the nail locking rod 62 retracts so as to complete the cycle of the beating and rotating the screw nail 9.

Therefore from above description, it is known that in the present invention, the annular control valve serves to accumulate and control the high pressure air to enter into the pneumatic motor so as to control the pneumatic motor steadily and the twisting force from the pneumatic motor

is increased so that the operation of beating the screw nail is more successful.

The present invention is thus described, it will be obvious that the same may be varied in many ways. Such variations are not to be regarded as a departure from the spirit and scope of the present invention, and all such modifications as would be obvious to one skilled in the art are intended to be included within the scope of the following claims.